Letters to the Editor ...

A Coconut Cover-up?

Thave been downloading many Lof your articles for over one year now and I find most of them great reading. I am especially interested in Mary Enig's many articles on the coconut. I am the Executive Director of the Papua Guinea Growers' New Association, based in Rabaul, and I am also the President of the East New Britain Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The former is a lobby group of farmers (both plantation and small village farmers) specifically involved in growing commercial crops for export, in particular copra (dried coconut for oil extraction) and cocoa.

Over the last many years the soybean and canola lobby of the USA has virtually destroyed our potential overseas markets and consumers by telling them that the coconut and its oil "will kill you" and also wrongfully telling them that soy and canola will save their lives. Australia has a nutritionist, Rosemary Stanton, whom I suspect works also for the US lobby as she continually tells readers of the Australian Woman's Day and TV viewers of Burke's Backyard that your must not eat coconuts.

It is good to see the (scientific) truth come out at last. Surely millions of healthy Pacific Islanders cannot be wrong. Heart disease was virtually unknown in the Pacific until people started to eat Western-type food. I guess we should thank the soyabean lobby and the Heart Foundation of the USA and Australia for helping to destroy (in many cases) the only income source for millions of people in the Pacific by promoting these lies so that the fat corporate cats in the socalled developed world can get fatter!

Thank you, and keep it up. It is good to see someone is prepared to report truth. I am telling everyone about the website.

Regards,

David W Loh, Papua New Guinea, davidloh@global.net.pg

More TV "Mistranslations"

was interested to read in the I was interested to real latest NEXUS an example of a TV interview "mistranslating" what the person being interviewed actually said ("60 Minutes Falsified Hamas Leader's Comments"), because a similar thing occurred recently on BBC television.

In a program covering the emergence of extreme rightwing politics in Europe, the leader of the French National Front party was interviewed. It wasn't a "hidden camera" situation, but one which all parties knew was being recorded.

Charged that he was racist, Le Pen constantly denied this, saying that he was simply against immigration, which was an altogether different issue. Pressed on the point by the interviewer, however, he finally said in some exasperation (in French), "What should I do, then, to prove I am not a racist? Marry a black woman?", which, on the accompanying subtitles, was translated as, "What do you want me to do then? Marry a nigger?"

The BBC totally ignored my letter of complaint, but, as odious as I find this man's politics. such underhand tactics simply cannot be allowed to go unchecked. Also, as an astute politician, knowing full well he was being filmed for a program which would go out on BBC television, would he be so daft as to actually say that, even if that's perhaps what he was thinking?

That I, as a left-wing libertarian, should have to demand fairplay for a neo-fascist shows just how morally decadent Western politics has now become.

Sincerely, Dave G, Sheffield, United Kingdom, dave@deepsoul.freeserve.co.uk

Computer Viruses & Pine Gap

ear Duncan: I received an anonymous email with a virus attached, but my anti-virus software managed to stop and delete it. The virus was (khaamhkh.exe i-worm/ hybris).

I was speaking to a computer security expert about it, who also received an anonymous email, who exclaimed that it is near impossible—unless you have very sophisticated equipment (like the NSA)—not to have a return email address.

The header of the email, however, had some traces of its whereabouts. It used the ISP network called TPG. Not that I blame them for the virus attack. but I was shocked by where this virus apparently came from. I used a tracer software, Neotrace, which found the co-ordinates from where the virus originated. The direct link is as follows: server noo-56k-154. tpgi.com.au (202.7.216.154); location 24.90°S, 133.00°E.

A map revealed this grid point to be near Pine Gap in central

According to the book Monitor, by Simon Davies, "on 9th December 1969 an agreement was signed by Paul Hasluck, Australian Minister for External Affairs, and an official of the American Embassy for the construction and maintenance of a communications interception and SIGINT (signals intelligence) facility 18 km southwest of Alice Springs. The facility was pitched to the public as a 'ioint exercise' but in reality was controlled exclusively by the NSA."

A quick visit to TPG's website (www.tpg.com.au) shows: "TPG Network had its origins in the federally funded CSIRONET project, commenced in 1969. This project's Australia-wide network and Australian-developed packet switches were subsequently used by Federal and State Government bodies around Australia."

My late father worked for six months under contract at Pine Gap in the early 1970s as a crane driver. He swore under oath not to reveal any details, but he did say to me once, "My God, they have a hell of a lot of equipment; I've never seen so much equipment", and he told me that there was enough room for a large underground city with multiple levels, with links across Australia to other cities.

Reminds me of something like out of the movie The Andromeda Strain.

Rei S., Sydney, Australia

Aspartame Danger Awareness

spartame affected my life Aspartame affected in findirectly. I believe, as time progressed, I did end up ingesting products containing aspartame; however, my problem with its use was my son. He is now nearly four years old. I am positive aspartame was the cause of nearly all his symptoms.

Our problems started just shortly after I began weaning him onto solids and non-milk drinks. He suddenly became very congested and, as time progressed, the congestion worsened until approximately five months later I had to rush him to the hospital with breathing difficulties and choking. I was told it was milk and asthma, and that it was food additives and smoking

In view of this information, I radically altered our lifestyle and diet. Yet, the problem continued. My son had a very select diet that was costing me an absolute fortune. Yet, the problems continued and worsened!

My son very rarely had a good and full night's sleep, and ultimately neither did I. As a single parent working full-time as a staff nurse, I'm sure you can imagine how stressful the situation was becoming. The number of times I was called away from work because my son was ill at nursery went into double figures. He was having febrile episodes, temperatures hitting 40 degrees as flat as a pancake, and eyes rolling over the top of his head. The doctors at our surgery I'm sure were sick of the sight of me. But no one could give a clear and precise reason for these episodes.

... more Letters to the Editor

NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.

The amount of antibiotics and medicines he was prescribed was disgusting. My son had a whole variety of symptoms; some people suggested he had diabetes, autism and even ADHD. He had temper tantrums (oh my God, did he ever), nightmares, night sweats and urticaria (rashes). He wouldn't eat when he was really ill and unwell, so I would encourage him to drink plenty of very dilute juices. He would drink gallons. I am not naming any manufacturers in case this is not allowed by the web page. But all you parents out there will undoubtedly be pouring them down not only your children's throats but your own, too.

Please read the ingredients label on all foods and drinks—before you buy. It could and most probably will save your life. How do I know this? I've been there and survived. Thankfully.

My sister, earlier this year (2001) asked if I was giving Alan drinks with aspartame in it. I was astonished at how many products contained this "poison" (that is what we now call it).

I immediately began reading every label of all the food and drink I would normally buy and take at face value as advertised as being good for my son, with low or no added sugars.

Now, as I said, that was earlier this year; May, to be exact. It is now September, and I have this lovely little boy who now has none of his symptoms. He looks healthy, he sleeps all night, eats well, drinks plenty of milk and juice, he plays well and socialises well. He has no problems with congestion, has minimal problems with asthma and has no more febrile episodes. This has been achieved through reading labels and cutting out all aspartame-containing products. The difference is remarkable.

There were no doctors or any health care practitioners involved, and, I am very pleased to say, no medicines.

Please remember, aspartame is

an excitotoxin which acts as a stimulant. Now tell me, how many children do you know who need to be given a stimulant?

May I also add that this is my, or should I say *our*, experience with aspartame and, yes, it does also affect adults whether directly or indirectly.

I eventually had to leave work at the beginning of the year, with depression, as I had hardly slept for longer than three hours at a time in over two years. As Alan's health has improved, so has mine. Who would have thought that removing one ingredient from his diet could make such a difference?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope it helps you understand how dangerous aspartame is. Believe in yourself and your instincts, not in some bureaucrats who only want to make a profit. They are worse than drug dealers—at least with them, you know what they are selling is dangerous.

A note for all victims of aspartame (NutraSweet, Equal, etc.) who have suffered seizures, brain tumours, blindness or eye problems, please get in touch with Betty Martini, Mission Possible International, 9270 River Club Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097, USA, tel +1 770 242 2599, email Bettym19@mindspring.com. For more information, go to www.dorway.com.

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Glaxo Guinea Pigs

I'm so irritated at having conversations with so-called educated people who regurgitate newspaper and televised news stories without even stopping to consider that the people who are feeding them that crap might possibly have an agenda of their own and interests to serve. (Since when have media moguls been anything other than moneymakers?)

My latest interest is the questionable relationship between American pharmaceutical monoliths and the Australian Government. Why is the government offering smokers a discount on the drug called Zyban, to help them quit smoking, when they themselves (that is, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals) admit that they don't know how the the drug (bupropion hydrochloride) even works! Sounds like clinical testing to me. Go to their site for information on this drug and you are met with a series of dots: http://www.glaxowellcome.com/ pi/zyban.pdf (although admittedly, information on the drug can be located under a different product name).

A number of news stories on commercial Australian television programs sing the praises of new American drugs (untested on humans) that supposedly have miracle cures. No mention is made of the long-as-your-arm list of side-effects. What is this? Are they recruiting guinea pigs?

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Entrenched Suppression

Corruption, with its twin, conspiracy, would have to be the worst crimes imaginable. They are the inseparable pair which allow all other crimes to flourish. They undermine what we all would like to think of as "justice" and, when found, should be dealt with swiftly and severely.

Raymond Hoser, author of several books detailing corruption, is now facing charges which can only be described as scandalous. The accuracy of his books has been confirmed by Victoria's new police chief, yet "truth" is not considered a valid defence for bringing the court into disrepute. A case of shooting the messenger.

My interest in the matter arises from a dispute I had some years ago with Australia's largest insurer. It left me with irrefutable evidence that they lied in court and that the judge was, at best, unbelievably

incompetent. The actual facts were ignored so blatantly that our then MHR raised the issue in Parliament. Even then, nobody wanted to know.

When Hoser deals with "bought" witnesses and corrupt judiciary, it exactly fits my case. In total, it convinced me that pure evil exists, and the legal fraternity is home to it.

If you believe we deserve better, do something constructive. Contact your local MPs, demand an explanation of why Hoser is being charged, why no action is taken against the corrupt. Read his latest book, visit his website at www.smuggled.com and, most importantly, pass this knowledge on.

Ted Gaida, Australia

The Lies of September 11

Who could possibly ever benefit from the vicious and brutal attacks of September 11? Let's see: (1) international bankers will be making hundreds of billions in new loans; (2) the arms dealers are going to have a field day; (3) Ariel Sharon and friends are jumping for joy because any nation that does not blindly support Israel could be targeted by America; (4) the CIA, FBI, NSA and Delta Force are all going to have significantly increased budgets and authority; and (5) the mega-corporations are going to gain further access to the huge oil and gas reserves of the Caspian Sea.

Behind-the-scenes political events are moving at warp speed. At the same time, there is objective and meaningful information concerning this series of events that most Americans and Australians are not aware of because the predominant media are controlled by the plutocracy.

Unless we, as conscious people, awaken to the matrix of lies, we will see further transfers of power to the so-called "elite" and a loss of our rights.

Sincerely, George Humphrey, Austin, Texas, USA